

## **Pirate Fishing Elimination Act**

### **BILL SUMMARY**

The Pirate Fishing Elimination Act would make the changes to domestic law necessary for the United State to implement the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing. The U.S. played an active role in the negotiation and adoption of this agreement, which requires parties to take a number of practical steps to deny port entry and port services to foreign vessels that have engaged in or supported IUU fishing.

The provisions of this bill would require the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, to:

- Designate ports to which foreign flagged vessels may seek entry and to establish uniform information-gathering and review processes for granting or denying port entry and use of port services to such vessels;
- Maintain the capacity to conduct and set forth minimum standards for dockside vessel inspections in designated ports;
- Deny port entry and services to vessels that have been engaged in IUU fishing; and
- Share information with other parties to the Agreement, flag States, and other relevant entities regarding inspection results if evidence of IUU fishing is found;